

Madame:

We take the liberty of calling your attention to our Floating-Borax Soap, believing that a trial will show you its great value for toilet, bath or laundry use. It is not an imitation of anything, but is better than all other floating soaps, as it is absolutely pure. We do not aim to follow, but to lead. No doubt you know the value of Borax, in the bath or laundry. This soap, and Dobbins' Electric, (which latter we have made for the last 30 years and still make,) are the only soaps which really contain Borax, although some others claim to contain it, and as Dobbins' Electric stands at the head of the non-floating laundry soaps, so Floating-Borax stands far above all other floating soaps, and is without doubt the best floating soap that can possibly be made. Compare its color and odor with that of any other brand. This will not turn yellow or rancid as some others do.

We take pride in calling attention to the following certificate from the leading analytical chemists of this city:

Dobbins Soap Manufacturing Co., 119 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN.

We have carefully analyzed the sample of Dobbins' Floating-Borax Soap you sent us, and find it to contain fully five per cent. of Borax (Bi-Borate of Soda). It contains nothing injurious for use in the bath, toilet or laundry. We find it free from all adulteration, and therefore certify to its purity.

Yours respectfully,

BOOTH, GARRETT & BLAIR.

We believe that you will be so pleased with this soap that you will desire to continue its use, in which case please order it of your grocer, and be sure that he gives you what you ask for.

It is the only floating soap whose wrappers are printed in red, hence it is impossible to mistake it for any other, even at a distance. Ask for DOBBINS' FLOATING-BORAX SOAP, red wrapper.

Yours Respectfully,

DOBBINS SOAP MFG. CO.

Almanac for the Year of our Lord 1897, being a Common Year of 365 days.

	77, being a common real of 305 days.
MOON'S SIGNS.	PLANETS AND ASPECTS.
New Moon. First Moon. Last Quarter.	2 Saturn. S Mars. 2 Venus. D Moon. 24 Jupiter. ⊙ Sun. ▼ Mercury. 및 Herschel
6 Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude.	☐ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. 8 Opposition, when the	△ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant. y are 180 degrees distant.
	CAL CYCLES.
The Mohammedan Era, with their y	
	FESTIVALS.
Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 14. Palm Sunday, Sexagesima " 21. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Shrove Tuesday, March 2. Ash Wednesday, " 3. Low Sunday, Quadragesima Sunday, " 7. Mid Lent " 28.	" 16. Trinity Sunday, " 13. " 18. Corpus Christi, " 24. " 25. 1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 28.
March 10. June 9.	September 15. December 15.
THE FOUR CARDINAL Vernal Equinox, \odot enters $\%$ the 20th Summer Solstice, \odot " 95 the 20th Autumnal Equinox, \odot " 25 the 22th Winter Solstice, \odot " 15 the 21th Mars is called the Governing Planet this years.	th of March, 3 o'clock 5 minutes, A. M. th of June, 11 " 5. " P. M. d of September, 2 " 5 " P. M. st of December, 8 " 5 " A. M.
Venus after April 28th. Mars after November 20th. Jupiter until February 23d, after September 13th. Saturn until May 18th, after November 25th. Mercury, January 22d to April 1st; May 21st, to July 15th; September 22d to November 8th.	Venus until April 28th. Mars until November 20th. Jupiter after February 23d, until September 13th. Saturn after May 18th, until November 25th. Mercury until January 22d, April 1st to May 21st; July 15th to September 22d; after November 8th.
PLANETS E	BRIGHTEST
Mercury, February 15th, June 15th, October 9th, rising then December 20th, setting then just after the sun. Jupiter, Feb	oruary 23d, Venus, March 21st, Jan. 4th, Saturn, May 18th.
line of annulus passing through the Northern part of South	Sun. y 1st, visible here as a partial Eclipse towards sunset. The America and Pacific Ocean. h. Visible throughout the United States as a partial Eclipse. le, 16° North; Longitude, 125°, 64′ West; and ends Latitude, is passing through Mexico, northern Cuba, Windward Islands.
Boston, begins, 9.10 A. M.; New York, "8.50 A. M.;	ends, 11.24 A. M.; size of digit, 5.5. " 11.14 A. M.; " 5.7.
Washington, "8.22 A. M.:	" 11.3 A. M.; " " 6.5. " 11.10 A. M.; " " 6.
Baltimore, "8.23 A. M.;	" 11.6 A. M.; " " 5.11.
Charleston, "8.4 A. M.;	" 10.58 A. M.; " " 8.
Carefully calculated for the Meridia	n of Philadelphia, by WILL R. IBACH.

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WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	LESSONS. R.	MOON'S PLACE. M. S. A.	and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SUN SI. RISES SETS PHILA. M. H. M. H. M.
Friday Saturday	1 New Year 2 Martyrs H. Scrip	$ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \text{Pet. 2: } 12 - 19 \\ $	48 5	\$ south 9 57 7* south 8 53	
1] Sunday	after New Year.	Matt. 2: 1-23		1-6. Day's Length, 9	The same is not the same of th
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	4 Titus 5 Simeon 6 Epiphany 7 Wittekind 8 Severinus	" 1: 38-51 6 " 2: 7 " 3: 8 " 4: 9 10	37 11 43 23 47 5	3. h rises 3 51 6 \$□. ¼ rises 9 23 Orion south 10 43 oin Ω § gr. Elong. East. ↓ 5 00 ♀ sets 8 11 Castor south 12 6	67 224 38 3 12 67 214 39 3 55 77 214 39 4 30 77 204 40 5 10
Saturday	9 Catharine Zell	" 6: 1-25 11	49 29	¥in Ω. Spica rises 10 19	8 7 19 4 41 5 40
2] 1st Sur	nday after Epiphany.	Luke 2: 41-5	52; Rom. 12:	1-5. Day's Length,	9 hours 22 minutes.
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	10 Paul of Thebes 11 Fructuosus 12 J. Castellian 13 Hilary 14 Felix 15 John a'Lasco 16 Geo. Spalatine	" 7: " 8: 1–20 1	50 23 42 5 40 7 17 39 7 29 35 86 11	S south 9 4 6 h C. in Perihelion 6 Ψ C. in Sets 8 36	87 194 41 6 25 87 184 42 7 8 97 184 42 7 58 97 174 43 8 56 97 174 43 9 57 107 164 44 10 58 107 154 45 11 58
31 2d Sun	day after Epiphany.	John 2: 1-11		6-16. Day's Length, S	hours, 32 minutes.
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	17 Anthony 18 John Blackader 19 Heid. Cat. 1563 20 Fabian and Sebastian 21 Agnes 22 Vincent 23 Isaiah	Mark 1: 1-20 6	30 6 rises 22 14 4 4 22 16 27 28	Aldebaran south 8 30 Algorithms 18. h rises 2 59 Capella south 8 37. O ensured the south 8 37. O ensured the south 8 37. O ters was 6 24 C. 24 rises 8 10 6 \$ O Inferior 9 sets 8 56	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
4] 3d Sur	nday after Epiphany.	Matt. 8: 1-13			9 hours, 44 minutes.
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	24 Timothy 25 Paul's Conversion 26 Polycarp 27 Jno. Chrysostom 28 Charlemagne 29 Juventine 30 Henry Müller	" 6: 30–56 12 " 7: 1–23 1 " 7: 24–37 2 " 8: 3 " 9: 4	10 3 18 22 1 1 32 1 14 37 2 26 35 8	25. • in per. Progrom South II. Regulus rises 6 38 • # C. • b C. • b rises 7 40 Rigel south 8 22	13 7 6 4 54 7 20
	nday after Epiphany.	Matt. 8: 23-2	7; Rom. 13:	8-10. Day's Length, S	hours, 58 minutes.
Sunday	31 Hans Sachs	Matt. 3: 6	12 10	6 ♥ C.Arcturrises 9 52	1417 1 4 58 12 30
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Moon's Phases.

 New Moon,
 3d, 1 o'clock, 3 minutes, morning.

 First Quarter, 10th, 4 " 45 " evening.

 Full Moon, 18th, 3 " 16 " "

 Last Quarter, 25th, 3 " 8 " "

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, frosty; 4, 5, misty; 6, 7, snow; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, cold; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, stormy; 18, 19, mild; 20, 21, 22, cold; 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, pleasant; 27, 28, cloudy; 29, 30, 31, snow.

The Mew Year.

O TENDER Christ, bless Thou this year!
Bless Thou its dawn, and bless
Its noontide and its evening, Lord;
And let each heart confess,
As days and weeks and months go by,
To help the year grow old,
That of Thy glory, King of kings,
The half not yet is told.

Rev. Chas. B. Fisher, D. D.

CALM on the bosom of thy God,
Fair spirit, rest thee now!
E'en while with ours thy footsteps
trod

His seal was on thy brow.

He whose portrait adorns this page was for a number of years editor and publisher of the ALMANAC. He was always very much interested in its publication; and in what concerning the Reformed Church was he not interested? He was a staunch supporter of every effort to advance the church's welfare. Like his father, the Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, the son was identified with the Publication House. To its management he devoted his energy, in its interest he sacrificed his

property, and in its service he gave his life. If in any way he erred, the mistake was of the head and not of the heart. He was personally acquainted with the greater part of our ministry. His courteous and friendly treatment of all who made claim on his time and service—and their number made a multitude—won for him a host of friends. His death was universally regretted.

Peace! peace! he is not dead, he doth not sleep! He hath awakened from the dream of life.

The Christian Year.

ADVENT tells us Christ is near; Christmas tells us Christ is here; In Epiphany we trace All the glory of His grace.

Those three Sundays before Lent Will prepare us to repent; That in Lent we may begin Earnestly to mourn for sin.

> Holy Week and Easter then Tell who died and rose again; O that happy Easter Day! "Christ is risen indeed," we say.

Yes, and Christ ascended, too, "To prepare a place for you." So we give Him special praise After those great Forty Days.

Then He sent the Holy Ghost, On the Day of Pentecost, With us ever to abide; Well may we keep Whitsun-tide!

Last of all, we humbly sing Glory to our God and King; Glory to One in Three On the Feast of Trinity.



REV. CHAS. G. FISHER, D. D.

Read, but Read the Best.

Do you read? You are not wise if you do not. You are too busy! The busiest people read much. They cannot afford to do otherwise. Tell me what you read and I will tell you what you are. To read bad books is

worse than keeping bad company. Read, but read the best. What you read becomes part of you.

Reformed Church Almanac for 1897. Thirty=fourth Issue.

This Almanac is prepared as a handbook for members of the Reformed Church. It contains valuable information on all departments of church work. It is valuable to every one interested in the church. A copy of it should be in every family.

1, 2, fair and cold; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, stormy; 8, 9,

10, cold; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, mild; 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, frosty; 25, 26,

misty and snow; 27, 28, stormy.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M.	PLACE	ASPECTS OF and other Miscell	angous Matter	S. SUN SI. RISES S M. H. M. H.	ETS WATER
Monday	1 Ignatius	Matt. 4: 1-22	Dsets		1. Sirius S			1 1 17
Tuesday	2 Purificat'n of Vir.	4: 23; 5: 1-12			¥ statio	nary. oin &		$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Wednesday	3 Ansgar	" 5: 12-22	7 31	6 20	24 rises 7 12		14 6 57 5	3 2 40
Thursday	4 Rhaban. Maurus		8 36	2			14 6 56 5	4 3 19
Friday	5 P. S. Spener	" 6:	9 36	14		ets 9 14	146 555	5 3 54
Saturday	6 Amandus	" 7:	10 38	27	7* south 6 28	3	14 6 54 5	6 4 32
6] 5th Sun	nday after Epiphany.	Matt. 13: 2	21-30;	Col. 3: 1	2-17. D a	y's Length, 1	0 hours, 14	minutes.
Sunday	7 Geo. Wagner	Matt. 8: 1-17	11 39	9	8 south 7 38		14 6 53 5	
Monday	8 Maria Andreæ	" 8: 17-34	morn.	21	b rises 1 44		14 6 52 5	8 5 49
Tuesday	9 John Hooper	" 9:	12 40	Final 4		south 8 18	146 515	9 6 30
	10 F. C. Oetinger	" 10:	1 48	Fre 16	in A	po. $24^{\frac{11888}{640}}$	146 495	11 7 20
	11 H. de St. Victor	" 11:	2 50	1 28	68 D. 64	(146 485	
	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 12:		** 2			146 47 5	
Saturday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 13:	4 47	16	Spica rises 1	0.8	146 465	14 10 31
7] Septuag	7] Septuagesima Sunday. Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24, 10-5. Day's Length, 10 hours, 32 minutes.							
	14 Brun. v. Querfur		5 40		8 south 7 21		14 6 44 5	
	15 Jacob Von Loh	" 4:		16	♥ gr. Elong. ♥	rises 4 32	146 435	17 12 3
	16 Matth. Desbüas	" 5: " 6: 1-19	7 12	R 0	9 gr. H	llong. East	146 425	18 12 50
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	18 Simeon of Jerus.	" 6:20-49 " 7:	7 29 8 42	₩ 14	□ h ⊙. h ri δ δ Ψ. ⊙ e		146 395	
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	22 Washington's Birthday	" 9: 37-62	morn	26	Antare	g rigge 9 90		
	23 B. Zeingenbalg	" 10:	morn. 12 32 1 40	THE 9	23. 840	O AHO Aho	146 335	27 6 15
Wednesday		" 11: 1-36	1 40	23	h rises 12 43	. 044.0.84	146 325	28 7 15
Thursday	25 Casp. Olevianus	" 11:37; 12: 1-12	2 41	5	9 sets 9 40		13 6 31 5	29 8 26
	26 Berthold Haller	" 12: 13-59	3 32	17		Regulus 1 08		
	27 Martin Bucer	" 13: 1–21	4 18	29	in Aphelio	n. Arctur 8 20	136 285	32 10 45
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(2). Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun on the 23d, and shines all night.

evening.

New Moon, 1st, 3 o'clock, 13 minutes, evening. First Quarter, 9th, 2 " 25 " afternoon.
Full Moon, 17th, 5 " 11 " morning.
Last Quarter, 23d, 10 " 43 " evening.

Last Quarter, 23d, 10 " 43

FEBRUARY.



REV. J. PHIL. STEIN, Eng. Stated Clerk.

REV. JOHN A. PETERS, D. D., Pres. OFFICERS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

REV. J. DAHLMAN, D.D.

Ger. Stated Clerk.

Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

The Board as now constituted consists of the following persons: Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Rev. John Bachman, D. D., Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Rev. T. J. Barkley, D. D., Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D., Rev. John H. Sechler, D. D., Rev. C. F. Kriete; Elders J. T. Reber, Horace Ankeny, C. M. Boush and F. G. Hobson. Executive Committee.

Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., President; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, Secretary; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., and Elder C. M. Boush.

Superintendents.

Rev. D. S. Fouse, General Superintendent, Rev. A. C. Whitmer, of the Eastern and Potomac Synods, Rev. A. S. Dechant, of the Synod of the Interior. Elder C. M. Boush is the Treasurer of the Church Extension Department of the Home Mission work.

Missions.

During the year ending March 31, 1896, the Board had *one hundred and one* missions under its care. Dropping those that became self-supporting on April 10th, 1896, and adding those since en-

rolled, the Board has just one hundred missions on its roll. These missions are in the main in a prosperous condition. Many of them, indeed the majority, are in the cities and large towns. The centers of population are claiming the attention of the Board very largely. The amount of money promised for the present year is \$44,000, including Hungarian, Bohemian, Harbor and English Missions. For the year commencing April 1, 1897, the General Synod voted the sum of \$52,000, with an additional \$6,000 for German work in large cities.

Church Extension.

There is no branch of the work of more importance than Church Extension. New missions must be organized; lots must be purchased, and houses of worship erected. To do this in the cities costs more than the missions can raise. The Board must assist them until such time when the missions can refund the money. This is the mission of the Extension Work. The Synods are asked to give six cents per member for this work.

General Synod authorized the Board to raise, within the next five years, the sum of \$100,000 for this purpose, the Fund to be known as the "Michael Schlatter Church Extension, Fund." The Board is anxious that the membership of the Church become thoroughly interested in this Fund, and asks the Pastors to bring it before their people.

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Monday	1 Suidbert	Luke 14:	1 5 22	23	6 ♥ C. h rises 12 24 €		
Tuesday	2 Shrove Tuesday	" 15:	6 0			126 245	36 12 52
Wednesday	3 Ash Wednesday	" 16:) sets	16	3. # stationary	126 235	37 1 29
Thursday	4 Geo. Wishart	" 17: 1-19	7 19	11	Q in Perihelion	126 215	39 2 5
Friday	5 Thomas Aquinas	" 17:20-37	8 22	23	24 south 11 29	126 205	
Saturday	6 Fridolin	" 18: 1–20	9 24	6	8 south 6 31	116 195	41 3 18
10] 1st Su	ınday in Lent.	Matt. 4:	1-11; 2	Cor. 6:	1-10. Day's Length,	11 hours 26	minutes.
Sunday	7 Perpetua	Luke 18:21;19:1-28	10 26	18	3 6 ⊋ (. □ Ψ ⊙	11 6 17 5	43 3 58
Monday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 19: 29; 20: 1-8	11 26	Fred 1	in Apo. 2 sets 9 47	116 165	44 4 3
Tuesday	9 Cyrillus	" 20:9:21:1-4	morn	Em 15	b stationary	11 6 15 5	
	10 Ember Day	" 21: 5–35	12 32	E 28		10 6 13 5	47 6
Thursday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 22: 1–30	1 22	m 12	2 11. όΨ (. όδ (106 125	48 6 5
	12 Greg. the Great	" 22:31-71		P 26			49 7.5
Saturday	13 Rudericus	" 23:	2 48	10	S south 6 17	106 105	50 8 5
11] 2d Su	nday in Lent.	Matt. 15: 5	21-29;	Thess.	1: 1–8. Day's Length,	11 hours, 44 i	ninutes.
	14 Matilda	Mark 10.32-52			Rigel sets 10 48	96 85	52 10
	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 11:	4 12	8 S	h rises 11 29 in 8		53 11
	16 Heribert	" 12:	4 45	22	2 6 4 C. Spica sets 8 1	0 96 55	55 11 5
	17 St. Patrick	" 13:	5 18	&: 8	9 sets 9 47	86 45	56 12 2
	18 Alex. of Jerus.	" 14:1-54	D rises	22	2 \$ 18. □ 6 ⊙. Wega 9 5	3 8 6 3 5	
	19 Mary and Martha			2 7	24 south 10 28	86 15	
Saturday	20 Ambrose	" 15: 16-47	8 54	21	O enters γ. Spring Begins. Day & Night equi	7 6 0 6	0 2 3
12] 3d Su	ınday in Lent.	Luke 11:	14-28;	Eph. 5	1-9. Day's Length	, 12 hours, 2	minutes.
	21 Benedict	Matt. 20: 17-28			in per. 9 gr. brilliand	y 7 5 59 6	1 3 2
Monday	22 Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 21:	11 30		7 る 場 C . る な C . と riser	75 576	3 4 1
	23 Wolfgang	" 22:	morn.	() ()	8 sets 1 26	75 566	4 5 1
	24 Florentius	" 23:	12 28	13	Pollux south 7 27	65 556	5 6
	25 Ann. Vir. Mary	" 24: 1–31	1 24		25. 7* sets 10 52	65 536	7 7
	26 Lindger	" 24: 32-51	2 13	Soft !	2 9 gr. Hel. Lat. N	T. 65 526	8 8 1
Saturday	27 Gustavus	" 25:	2 54	。五 19	Andromeda sets 7 42	5 5 51 6	9 9 2
13] 4th S	unday in Lent.	John 6:	1-14;	Gal. 4: 2	21–31. Day's Length,	12 hours, 22	minutes.
	28 Gideon	Matt. 26: 1-13			1 ♀ sets 9 37 • in Ω	5 5 49 6	
	29 Gustasius	" 26: 14-3	5 3 55	_ MJK	3 24 south 9 45	5 5 48 6	
	30 Guido, 31 Ernest the Pious	" 26: 36 - 5	6 4 45 5 2	2 83 2		45 47 6	13 11 5 15 12 2
		" 26: 57; 27: 1-2			7 % sets 1 5		

Moon's Phases.

 New
 Moon,
 3d,
 6 o'clock,
 56 minutes, morning.

 First Quarter,
 11th,
 10 " 28 " forenoon.

 Full Moon,
 18th,
 4 " 27 " evening.

 Last Quarter,
 25th,
 6 " 59 " morning.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, cold; 3, 4, 5, windy and snow; 6, 7, clear; 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, 12, cold; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, windy; 18, 19, 20, mild; 21, 22, warm; 23, 24, 25, stormy; 26, 27, 28, misty; 29, 30, 31, cold.



REV. CHAS. E. MILLER, Pastor Trinity Church.



TRINITY CHURCH, DAYTON, OHIO, where General Synod met in 1896.

Our Hungarian Work.

(1) Who are these Hungarians? The Reformed Church in Hungary has ten times as many members as our Ghurch in this country; and out of these two and a quarter millions there have come to this country during the last ten or fifteen years, very many thousands.

(2) Where are these people? Mainly in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Con-

necticut.

(3) How did we learn their wants? They came to our pastors for the baptism of their children and for the Lord's Supper. These pastors brought the matter to the attention of the General Board of Home Missions, and in 1890 the General Synod directed the Board to send to Hungary for missionaries.

(4) What has been the outcome so far? We began in 1890 with one missionary, Rev. Gustav Jurany, in Cleveland, O, who organized a congregation there and built a church, and organized congregations also at Toledo, O., and Ashtabula, O. On his leaving there, a few years ago, Rev. Alexander Harsanyi became his successor, and now Rev. Jurany labors in Trenton, N. J. The second to come was Rev. John Kovacs, who began the work in and around Pittsburgh, Pa. He was

succeeded by Rev. Francis Ferenczi, who now preaches to both the Hungarians and the Slavs.

A few years ago the Hungarians in South Norwalk, Conn., secured the services of Rev. Gabriel Dokus, who still serves them.

Next came Rev. Bartholomew Demeter, who labors in New York City, and Rev. Alexander Kalassay, who has lately gone from Mt. Carmel, Pa., to Bridgeport, Conn. In six years this work has grown to unexpectedly large proportions; and though we have six Hungarian missionaries at work, we are now only in the beginning of this interest.

(5) Do these people help themselves? Yes, they are large givers, considering their poverty. In Cleveland, O., they built a church and are now paying off a small debt. In Pittsburgh, Pa., and in South Norwalk, Conn., they are buying the churches built for them by the Board. In Mount Carmel, Pa., they built and paid for a church even before they had a pastor. Yes, they are liberal.

(6) How are these Hungarian missionaries paid? Just as our American missionaries are paid, partly by their people and partly by the Board; and for this work the General Synod asks of the Church, through the Synods and the Classes, a special apportionment. The work has grown, and the General Synod now asks for \$6,000 for this work, including the Bohemian Mission in Chicago, Ill.

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Thursday	1 Fritigild	Matt. 27: 3-31			45 446 1612 56
Friday	2 Theodosia	" 27: 32–50	7 17	d & d. Aldebaran 10 38	8 45 43 6 17 1 30
Saturday	3 Gerb. Tersteegen	" 27: 51–55	8 20 16	3 24 south 9 24	45 41 6 19 2 8
	Sunday in Lent.	John 8:	46-59; Heb. 9:	11-15. Day's Length,	12 hours, 40 minutes.
Sunday	4 Ambrose	John 11:	9 18 28	in Apo. h rises 10 10	0 35 406 20 2 40
Monday	5 Christ. Scriver	" 12:	10 20 20 11	6 9 €. 9 sets 9 17	35 396 21 3 20
Tuesday	6 Albert Durer	" 13: 1-30	11 14 5 25		25 38 6 22 4 5
Wednesday		" 13: 31: 14: 1-38	morn. M 9	όΨ C. \$ in S. 7* sets 103	25 37 6 23 4 54
Thursday	8 Martin Chemnitz		morn. 12 3 23 23	6 & Geminorum	25 35 6 25 5 35
Friday	9 Theo. v. Westen	" 16:	12 43	\$ \$ € € . \$ sets =	
Saturday	10 Fulbert	" 17:	1 30 2 21	10. 2 south 8 55	15 33 6 27 7 20
15] Palm	Sunday.	John 12:	1-16; Phil. 2:		2 hours, 56 minutes.
Sunday	11 Leo the Great	Lam. Jeremiah	2 10 6	Antares rises 10 37	
Monday	12 Saba	Heb. 8:	2 44 20	\$\frac{\text{in Peri-}}{\text{helion.}} \text{b rises } 9 32 \text{ \text{\$\text{o}}} \text{in \$\text{\$\text{V}}}	15 326 28 8 20
Tuesday	13 Justin Martyr	" 9:	3 6 6 4	A t A Alphanes south	
Wednesday	14 John Eccard	Heb. 10:	3 6 & 4 3 36 & 18		15 29 6 31 10 19
Thursday	15 Maundy Thursd'y	John 6:	3 58 2 1	Spica south 11 42	05 28 6 32 11 14
Friday	16 Good Friday	Luke 23: 32-49		for Hol Let M	05 27 6 33 12 1
Saturday		Heb. 4:		\$ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	1881 5 25 6 35 12 40
16] Easte			1-10; Col. 3: 1	17. • in Per. ♂\$\$	3 hours, 14 minutes.
Sunday	18 Easter Sunday	Matt. 28:			
Monday		T 1 01 -	8 54 12		1 5 23 6 37 2 19
Tuesday	20 Jno. Burgenhagen		10 21 25	он С. он С. h rises 9 4	15 22 6 38 3 10
	21 Anselm of Cant.	10 1-	11 28 2 12	24 south 8 14	15 21 6 39 4 2
Thursday	22 Origen		morn. 25		25 20 6 40 5 3
	23 George of Capp.	" 8:	12 22 3		
	24 Wilfrid	1 Cor. 3:	1 5 15	23. Sirius sets o in Ω	25 186 42 6 52
The second second	ınday after Easter.			Regulus south 7 52	25 16 6 44 7 49
			9-31; John 5: 4		3 hours, 32 minutes.
Monday	25 St. Mark, Evang. 26 Trudpert			Wega south 7 8	2 5 14 6 46 8 49
Tuesday	27 Otto Catelin	4.	2 32 6 22	4 stationary. h rises 8 39	25 136 47 9 41
Wednesday	28 Fred. Myconius	0.		Orion sets 9 54	25 126 48 10 30
Thursday	29 L. v. Berquin	1.	3 14 2 15	\$gr. Elong. 6 ♀ ⊙ Inferior	35 11 6 49 11 17
	30 Geo. Claxitus	0.	2 54 2 3 14 15 3 33 27	8 sets 12 18	35 106 50 12 0
	Older. Claxitus	" 6: 1–40	4 0 10	Arctur south 11 41	3 5 9 6 51 12 40
N 15	Moon's Phases.			Conjectures of the	Weather
New Moon,	1st, 11 o'clock, 23 min		1.	2, 3, frosty; 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, cl	ondy: 8 9 10 storms
First Quarter,	10th, 3 " 26	" morning.	11. 1	2, mild; 13, 14, 15, rain; 16,	17 18 alconomic 11
Full Moon,		" morning.	19. 9	20, mild; 21, 22, rain; 23,	24 25 fair, 26 07
Last Quarter,	23d, 4 " 47	" afternoon.	warn	m; 29, 30, clear.	21, 20, lair; 20, 21,

Venus is in Inferior Conjunction with the Sun on the 28th, and passes from evening to morning Star.

Foreign Missions.

THE Board of Foreign Missions consists of the following members: Prest., Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D.; Vice-Prest., Rev. Dr. John H. Prugh, D. D.; Secy., Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.; Treas., Jas. L. Lemberger, Ph. M.; Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, J. S. Kieffer, D. D., J. Dahlman, D. D., C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., P. Greding, D. D., and Elders J. Y. Dietz, J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., and B. Kuhns.

The Executive Committee consists of the officers, together with Rev. A. R. Bartholomew and J. Z. Gerhard,

The Board meets once a year in regular session, and in special sessions as often as called by the Executive Committee, which committee con-

venes in regular quarterly meetings. The antiforeign feeling which for several years previously had so seriously interfered with the success of mission work, has, since the war with China, become a thing of the past. Our missionaries now enjoy privileges which before were denied them. And when the revised treaties go into effect in 1899, they will enjoy full freedom of action. The excitement of the war, however, caused not a few native Christians to turn aside, so that while the number of new converts has not materially decreased, the number of regular church members has not increased in the last two years.

During the war, the bravery of the Christian soldiers, and the abounding works of love and mercy wrought by the Christians, both native and foreign, produced upon the minds of the people of the Empire a profound impression favorable to Christianity, and they are now considering its claims with a thoughtfulness and respect which previously it did not enjoy. The outlook is therefore exceedingly promising and hopeful.



PAUL LAMBERT GERHARD. Professor of English Language and Literature, Sendai, Japan.

An important step has been taken for the enlargement and expansion of our evangelistic work by the establishment of four, instead of but one central station. In the near future we will have missionaries located at Tokio, Yamagata, and in the Hokkaido (the northern island), besides in Sendai. The extreme stations will be over five hundred miles apart.

Our schools are in successful and vigorous operation. The competition of the Government schools, which are of a high order, has not materially lessened the number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin. The number of candidates for the ministry continues full, while in the Girls' School we have about as many scholars as our present plant will allow. The Government pays but little heed to the

education of girls; hence our school is the more largely patronized. We might have more scholars

if we had larger buildings.

The Board is at present seeking information as to the most eligible location for the new mission authorized by the late General Synod. Whether in China or some neighboring country, it has not yet reached final action on the subject. Information, however, is being received, and light is dawning.

As an important aid to the blessed work of winning heathen souls to Christ, we beg to commend to the prayerful consideration of our members the duty of remembering it in their last wills. Many who cannot spare the means during life, could easily do so by legacy. In all cases let the full corporate title of our Board be used, viz., The Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

"God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON MOON R. & S. PLAC H. M. S.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SUN HIGH WATER PHILA. H. M. H. M. H. M.
Saturday	1 Phil. and James	John 6: 41-71	1 D sets	23 1. Arctur south 11 34	3 5 7 6 53 1 8
18] 2d Su	ınday after Easter.	John 10:	11-16; 1 Pet.		hours, 46 minutes.
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	2 Athanasius 3 Monica 4 Florian 5 Fred'k the Wise 6 John of Damasc. 7 Flay. Domitilla	John 7: " 8: 1-30 " 8: 31-50 " 9: " 10: " 11:	8 8 2 3 9 9 10 3 10 53 11 38 morn.	7 in Apo. Sirius sets 9 4 21 6 \$ D. 7* sets 7 25 6 \$ C. h rises 8 0 9 rises 4 14 0 Orion sets 9 20 6 \$ C. \$ sets 12 3	3 5 6 6 54 1 37 3 5 5 6 55 2 18 3 5 4 6 56 3 6 4 5 3 6 57 4 4 4 5 2 6 58 4 59 4 5 1 6 59 5 40
	8 Stanislaus	" 12:	12 21	29 24 south 7 4 in 89	45 07 0 6 7
	ınday after Easter.		16-23: 1 Pet.	The state of the s	4 hours, 2 minutes.
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	9 Greg. Nazianzen 10 John Henglin 11 John Arndt 12 Meletius 13 Servatius 14 Pachomius 15 Moses		12 57 1 27 1 54 2 2 19 2 3	15 9. Antares south 1 17	44 597 1 7 3 44 587 2 7 48 44 577 3 8 43 44 567 4 9 43 44 557 510 42 44 547 611 41 44 537 712 10
	unday after Easter.		5-15; Jas. 1		hours, 16 minutes.
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	16 Five Martyrs of L 17 Joachim of Flor. 18 80 Marts. with Val. 19 Alcuin 20 Val. Herberger 21 Constantine 22 Castus and Aemil	" 3; 4: " 5; 6: " 7: " 8: " 9:	11 43 morn.	8	44 52 7 8 1 5 44 51 7 9 2 0 44 50 7 10 2 58 44 49 7 11 3 56 44 49 7 11 4 50 44 48 7 12 5 40 44 47 7 13 6 27
21] 5th S	Sunday after Easter.	John 16:	23-30; Jas.		hours, 28 minutes.
Thursday Friday	23 Jerome Savona 24 Aug. Cazal 25 Augustine 26 Beda Venerabilis 27 Ascension Day 28 Lanfranc 29 David Zeisberger	Col. 2. John 15:	12 27 12 59 1 26 1 46 2 22 2 52 3 46	5 23. 24 sets 12 49 16 Castor sets 8 43 6 & Cancri 10 ★ in Aphelion Regulus sets 12 27 6 ♀ ℂ. ♀ rises 2 57 21 ♠ in Apo. wega south 2 9	34 467 14 7 12 34 467 14 8 6 34 457 15 9 2 34 447 16 9 48 34 437 17 10 34 34 437 17 11 22 34 427 1812 3
22] 6th S	Sunday after Easter.	John 15: 2	26-16:4; 1 P	et. 4: 8-11. Day's Length, 1	4 hours 38 minutes.
Sunday Monday	30 Memorial Day 31 Joachim Neander	John 1: " 2:	1 o sets ind	8 8 22 31. 24 sets 12 19	3 4 41 7 19 12 37 3 4 41 7 19 11 15
New Moon, First Quarter Full Moon, Last Quarter New Moon,	16th, 8 " 54 r, 23d, 4 " 34 31st, 7 " 25			Conjectures of the 1, 2, 3, variable; 4, 5, 6, clear warm; 12, 13, cloudy; 14, 15, rain; 19, 20. warm; 21, 22, c 25, 26, cool; 27, 28, variable rain.	; 7, 8, 9, fair; 10, 11, 16, variable; 17, 18, loudy; 23, 24, rain;

Saturn is in opposition with the Sun on the 18th, and shines all night.

Michael Schlatter.

We have heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

To forget the past is to forget our mercies, and to forget our mercies is to forget God. The trials and triumphs of the past are as promises to stimulate us in the present, and as pledges to give us hope and courage for the future.

FROM 1720 to 1730 a number of Reformed churches were established in Eastern Pennsylvania. Rev. John Philip Boehm, Rev. George Michael Weiss and others, were the pioneers in this work. But there was no co-operation

between these congregations; they belonged to no common organization. It was the mission of Michael Schlatter to organize the congregations into a church. Arriving in this country in 1746, he visited the scattered churches in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia. He organized the churches into pastoral charges and induced the people to pledge themselves to pay specified sums for the regular support of regular pastors. He found a number of imperfectly organized congregations, and had the people designate proper persons as elders and deacons, whom he ordained and installed, and thus organized consistories. In accordance with the instructions which he had received from Holland, he prepared at once to establish a Cœtus, or Synod. A preliminary meeting was held in Philadelphia on October 12, 1746, at which, besides Schlatter, were present Weiss, Behm and Rieger. The first regular meeting, however, was held in Philadelphia on September 29, 1747. At this meeting, thirty-one members, including elders, were present. From that time to the present, except for several years during the



REV. MICHAEL SCHLATTER.

Founder of the Synod of the Reformed Church
in the United States.

Revolutionary War, the meetings of the Synod have been regularly held. Last October, at Bethlehem, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary was celebrated. During the present year the church will contribute one hundred thousand dollars for church extension, the same to be known as the Schlatter Memorial Fund. This is very proper. Schlatter was the organizer of the Reformed Church in the United States. He did a great, good, and very sorelyneeded work. His work was difficult, the circumstances were often highly unfavorable, his labors were abundant and severe. He traveled thousands of miles on horseback during his missionary journeys. He crossed the sea and pleaded

the cause of the American Church before his brethren in Holland and Switzerland. From thence he returned with a contribution of seven hundred Bibles, sixty thousand dollars and six young pastors. He would also have done something for the literary advancement of our people, but in this he was misunderstood and mistreated. His public life was short, but the result of his work has been great. His name is now honored and his memory revered.

Every church founded by Schlatter, and every church visited by him, should, during this anniversary year, resolve to raise a Church Extension Fund. These funds consist of five hundred dollars, and are loaned to mission congregations, without interest, and to be repaid again, to assist in erecting a chapel or church. For the want of aid in times past the Church has suffered great loss. Had it been otherwise we might to-day have churches in New England, New Jersey, Virginia, and all along the South Atlantic Coast, where now we practically have none. Let the Church resolve that this history shall not repeat itself.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON MOO R. & S. PLA H. M. S.		ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SUN HIGH Fs. RISES SETS WATER PHILA. H. M. H. M. H. M.
Tuesday	1 J. F. Oberlin	John 3:	8 49 00	11	δΨ C. Spica south 8 40	
Wednesday	2 Pothinus and Blandina	" 4:	9 36	24	♥ stationary	24 40 7 20 2 45
Thursday	3 Chlotilde	5:	10 14		9 rises 2 44	2 4 39 7 21 3 30
Friday	4 Quirinus	Joel 13:	10 48			24 39 7 21 4 14
Saturday	5 Boniface	John 17:	11 16	13	δδ C. S sets	2 4 39 7 21 4 58
	Sunday or Pentecost.	John 14: 2	23-31; Acts	2: 1-	-13. Day's Length, 1	4 hours, 44 minutes.
Sunday	6 Whit Sunday	Gal. 3:	11 42	27	h south 10 34	24 387 22 5 40
Monday	7 Whit Monday	" 5:	morn.	11	64c. 21 sets 11 54	14 38 7 22 6 23
Tuesday	8 A. H. Franke	Rom. 12:	12 18	25	3646. 24 sets 11 54 8. Procyon sets 8 45	14 37 7 23 7 10
Wednesday	9 Ember Day	1 Cor. 13:	12 46	8	Q rises 2 32	14 37 7 23 8 3
Thursday	10 Fdk. Barbarossa		1 12	22	δΨ ⊙. Castor sets 10 16	14 37 7 23 9 6
	11 Barnabas	" 8:	1 42	4	\$ sets 10 48	14 36 7 24 10 12
Saturday	12 Renata	2 Cor. 5:	2 16	17	она. она. 7* rises 2 51	04 36 7 24 11 19
	Sunday.		-15; 1 Pet.	4: 1-	-11. Day's Length, 1	4 hours, 48 minutes.
Sunday	13 Isaac L. Febvre		2 59	29	o in per. b south 105	0 4 36 7 24 12 15
	14 Basil	" 3:	D rises	14	14. 24 sets 11 28	04 35 7 25 12 56
Tuesday	15 W. Wilberforce	" 4:	D rises & 8	25	♥ gr. Elong. ♥ rises 3 35	sl'w 4 35 7 25 1 50
	16 R. Baxter	" 5:	9 33	7	9 gr. Hel. Lat. south	04 35 7 25 2 46
Thursday	17 Corpus Christi	" 6:	10 10	19	o in Q. ? rises 2 20 ⊌	
	18 Pamphilus		10 28	1		1 4 35 7 25 4 27
Baturday	19 Council of Nice	" 8:	11 6	13	Antares south 10 28	1 4 35 7 25 5 11
	nday after Trinity.	Luke 16: 13		4: 7	7-21. Day's Length, 14	hours, 52 minutes.
	2027 Martyrs of P.	1 Pet. 1; 2:1-10		25	o enters o. Longest Summer Begins.	1 4 34 7 26 5 52
Monday	Matt. Claudius		11 49	7	21. 4 enters 11 2 Arctur south 8 3	1 4 35 7 25 6 32
Tuesday	22 Gottschalk		morn.	19	Arctur south 8 3	2 4 35 7 25 7 14
Thursday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 12:	12 10		b south 9 23	2 4 35 7 25 8 2
Friday	24 John Baptist	1 Pet. 2:11; 3:1-17	12 37	13	Andromeda rises 10	2 4 35 7 25 8 55
	25 Augsburg Conf. 26 J. V. Andreæ		1 3	26	in Apo. 9 in Aphelion	2 4 35 7 25 9 51
Daturday 2	Y. Andreæ	" 4:17; 5:	1 91 KMK	9	δ Q C. Qrises 2 6	3 4 35 7 25 10 46
	day after Trinity.	Luke 4: 16-2	4; 1 John 3	8: 13	–18. Day's Length, 14	hours, 50 minutes.
Sunday 2	27 Seven Sleepers	2 Pet. 1: 11	2 2 2	23	5 sets 10 10	3 4 35 7 25 11 42
Monday		" 1:12;2;3	2 34 %	7	कि १ द ए . १ कि ए ।	3 4 35 7 25 12 8
Tuesday	29 Peter and Paul	Jas. 2:	D sets	23	29. 6 ¥ Neptune	3 4 36 7 24 12 52
Wednesday 3	Raymond Lully	" 3:	8 16	7 :	24 sets 10 31 A	3 4 36 7 24 1 37
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Moon's Phases

First Quarter, 8th, 2 o'clock, 2 minutes, morning.

Full Moon, 14th, 4 " 1 " afternoon.

Last Quarter, 21st, 6 " 23 " evening.

New Moon, 29th, 9 " 55 " evening.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, variable; 9, cool rain; 10, 11, clear and cool; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, 17, warm; 18, 19, showers: 20, variable; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, warm; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, sultry.

Lesson Helps for Our Sunday Schools.

This last year marks a great advance in our Reformed Lesson Helps. They are now owned and published by the Sunday School Board of the General Synod. Under the new management, desirable improvements have been made. Helps are now published for every department in the Sunday School. The Heidelberg Teacher, which has been enlarged, and which it is hoped soon to make a monthly, without increasing the subscription, is an invaluable aid to Bible students, teachers and officers of the school, including the primary teacher.

The Advanced Scholar's Quarterly and Advanced Scholar's Lesson Leaves are for the

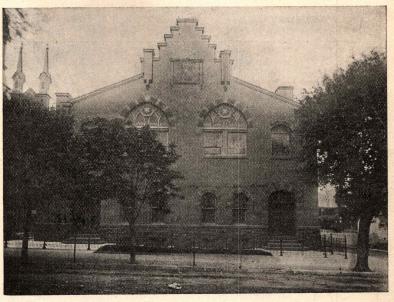
older scholars. Then there is the Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly; and for the little ones there is issued the finest and most appropriate help-Heidelberg Picture Cards, with the Heidelberg Lesson Roll for the entire school.

The Lesson Helps are prepared from the doctrinal standpoint of the Reformed Church. All schools connected in any way with the Reformed Church should therefore use them. Sample copies sent free on request.

The General Sunday School Work.

THE General Synod meeting at Dayton, Ohio, June, 1896, greatly enlarged the work of its Sunday School Board. Authority was given to make arrangements to unify and consolidate all English Sunday School publications, and to publish them under the Board. This is now accomplished and the good results are apparent. The Lesson Helps have been improved and a weekly Sunday School paper has been established.

General Synod also heartily commended the



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work and plans of the Board. This means more complete statistics, the enlargement of Sunday School mission work and renewed emphasis of every department of the Sunday School.

Rev. J. C. Horning as the permanent Sunday School missionary, continues to do good work, while theological students have started a number of schools. About seventy schools have been aided by grants of literature, Bibles, etc., and of these a large number were organized as new schools. The support of this work comes from the offerings of Children's Day. All schools should observe this day and contribute to the noble work of gathering in the children.

The officers of the Board are Rev. C. Clever, D. D., Baltimore, Md., Prest.; Rev. C. F. Kriete, Louisville, Ky., Vice-Prest.; Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., Greenville, Pa., Sec'y; Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Columbiana, O., Treas. Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Reading, Pa., is the General Secretary, who has general charge of the work, and to whom all communications should be addressed. The yearly Report of the Board can be obtained by addressing the General Secretary.

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Thursday	1 H. Voes	James 4:	8 48	22 \opin Aphelion	in 8 34 36 7 24 2 24				
Friday Saturday	2 Visit Virgin Mary 3 Otto Bishop	" 5: Jude	9 22 9 48	7 Vega south 11 49 22 6 5 C. 8 sets 9 54	4 4 36 7 24 3 8 4 4 37 7 23 3 50				
	unday after Trinity.			5: 5-11. Day's Le					
Sunday Monday	4 Independence 5 Lord Cobham	Acts 13: 1-12 " 13: 13-52		7 6 4 C. Vin Ω. 2 22 Vrises 1 56	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				
Tuesday	6 John Huss	" 14	11 0 0	5 h south 8 30	11 387 99 5 55				
Wednesday		" 15:	11 29	5 % south 8 30 7. 9 gr. Elong.	West 4 4 38 7 22 6 41				
Thursday	8 Kilian	" 16:	morn S	2 Orion rises 4 11	54 39 7 21 7 34				
Friday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 17: 1-14	12 44	15 \geq in Perihelion	5 4 39 7 21 8 41				
Saturday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 17:15; 18:11	1 30	27 6 2 C. 6 単 C. 1	5 sets 5 4 40 7 20 9 55				
28] 4th S	Wednesday 7 Willibald "15: 11 29 18 7. Q gr. Elong. West 4 4 38 7 22 6 41 Thursday 8 Kilian "16: 12 44 15 2 Orion rises 4 11 54 39 7 21 7 34 Friday 9 Ephraim the Syr. "17: 1-14 12 44 15 27 6 2 C. 6 27 6 2 C. 6 27 6 2 C. 6 28 28 28 34 5 54 40 7 20 9 55 Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 40 minutes.								
Sunday	11 Placidus	1 Thess. 1:	2 2 4	10 in Per. Dog Days B	egin. 5 4 40 7 20 11 9				
Monday	12 Henry II.	" 2:1-16	3 10	22 S ? rises 1 53	54 417 1911 47				
Tuesday	13 Eugenius	" 3:17:	D rises	4 313. 24 sets 9 4	4 5 4 41 7 19 12 46				
	14 Bonaventura	" 4:	7 55 01	16 in Ω. 24 south	5 4 42 7 18 1 37				
Thursday	15 Ansver	" 5:		28 6 \$ ⊙ Superior	6 4 43 7 17 2 29				
Friday	16 Anna Askew	" 1; 2: 1–12		10 8 sets 9 23	6 4 43 7 17 3 10				
Saturday	17 Speratus and 11 Co.	" 2:13; 3:	9 38	22 ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. sou	th 6 4 44 7 16 3 56				
	Sunday after Trinity.			3: 8–15. Day's Len	gth, 14 hours, 30 minutes.				
Sunday	18 Arnulf	Gal. 1: 1-10	9 49	3 Altair south 11 52	6 4 45 7 15 4 30				
Monday	19 Louisa Henrietta	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	TO TO STIES	15 gr. Hel. Lat. nor					
Tuesday	20 John Marteilhe	Gal. 1: 11; 2: 1-14		27 24 sets 9 22	6 4 46 7 14 5 52				
	21 Eberhard	" 2: 15; 3: 1–14 " 3 · 15		8 Antares south					
Thursday Friday	22 Mary Magdalene 23 Godfr. v Hamele	0.10	11 35	21. h south 7					
Saturday	24 Thos. à Kempis		morn. Ind	5 O enters Ω 18 o in Apo. 5 sets 9	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				
		1 0,0.	20-26; Rom.		gth, 14 hours, 20 minutes.				
Sunday	25 James the Elder		12 20 8%						
Monday	26 Christopher	" 2:		4 6 8 4. 6 9 C. 9	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				
Tuesday	27 Raym. Palmarius		1 50	0 24 sets 8 57	64 52 7 8 12 3				
	28 John Seb. Bach	" 4:5;5:1-8	2 49	15 de sets of hestations					
Thursday	29 Olaus	"5:9;6:	D sets	1 29. 7* rises 11 39	in 8 64 54 7 6 1 19				
Friday	30 Jacob Wessele	" 7:	7 52	16 6 \$ C. Algenib	outh 64 55 7 5 2 0				
Saturday	31 John Cas. Schade	"8;9:	8 10	2 Spica sets 10 2	6 4 56 7 4 2 44				
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Moon's Phases.

First Quarter, 7th, 8 o'clock, 32 minutes, forenoon.

Ful Moon, 13th, 11 " 52 " evening.

Last Quarter, 21st, 10 " 8 " forenoon.

New Moon, 29th, 10 " 57 " forenoon.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, warm; 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, 9 thunder showers; 10, 11, pleasant; 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, 24, misty; 25, 26, thunder; 27, 28, cool; 29, 30, 31, variable.



REV. P. VOLLMER.

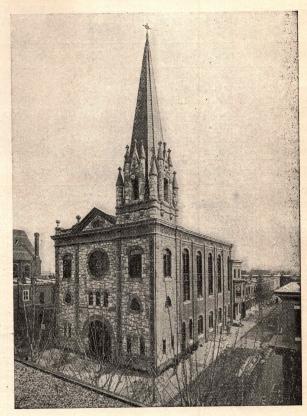
Our Christian Endeavor Work.

The action of the late General Synod at Dayton, Ohio, has given to the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor in our congregations, as well as to all other Young People's Societies, a recognized place and standing in the Church. Recognizing the good which they have done and are still doing in the congregations in which they have been laboring, the General Synod heartily commended the efforts of the young people in their endeavor to develop piety and devotion to the Church, requested them to co-operate with the several Boards which now have in charge the educational and benevolent work of the Church, and provided

that hereafter a Standing Committee shall be appointed at each meeting of the General Synod, to whom all items and papers, having reference to this department of church work, shall be referred.

Our Christian Endeavor Societies now support one missionary in the foreign field. At their suggestion, the Board of Foreign Missions appointed Rev. S. S. Snyder to the service in Japan, at the same time designating him as *The Christian Endeavor Missionary*. His support has been almost entirely provided by the Societies.

A Christian Endeavor Church Building Fund has also been undertaken. At the last Reformed



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Rally at Washington, D. C., a sufficient number of pledges were taken to complete the Fund. Most of these have been redeemed, so that the Fund will soon be in the hands of the Home Board.

The most important work of the Societies is in the congregations, where our young people are in training for active service. Here, under the direction of pastors and consistories, they find their legitimate sphere of activity; and the good which they do can be known only in the lives of individuals and congregations. The Societies have also been instrumental in arousing and developing the spirit of true denominational loyalty, as well as interdenominational courtesy.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON MOOR. & S. PLA	DN'S ACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, d other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SUN SI. RISES SETS M. H. M. H. M.	HIGH WATER PHILA. H. M.
31] 7th S	unday after Trinity.	Mark 8:	1-9; Rom. (3 : 19–23	Day's Length,	14 hours, 6 min	
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	1 Maccabees 2 Mar. Under Nero 3 William Thorp 4 Leonard Kiser 5 Salzb'g Evang. 6 Transfiguration 7 Nonna	" 12:30 " 12:31;13: " 14: " 15:1-34 " 15:35;16:	10 41 11 24 morn.	0 H 14 28 11 24 8	24 (. 6 & (. 8 sets stationary rises 1 47 Altair south 10 47 5. Orion rises 2 20 4 (. 6 H (. 6 sets sets sets sets sets sets sets se	6 5 2 6 58 5 5 3 6 57	3 20 4 2 4 46 5 31 6 20 7 19 8 28
Sunday		Matthew 7:		THE STATE OF		3 hours, 52 min	
Monday Tuesday	8 Hormisdas 9 Numidicas 10 Laurentius 11 Greg. of Utrecht 12 Ans. of Har'l'b'g 13 C'ntof Zinzendorf 14 James Guthrie	" 4:7;5:10	12 49 1 39 2 40 3 48 D rises 7 32 7 58	1 M 13 Q 25 7 19 6	sets 8 28 arkab south 1 48 rises 1 51 Spica sets 9 48 © in Ω 12. ¥ in ♡. Algento South 3 41 ¥ ¥. ½ sets 11 28 sets 7 53	55 46 56 55 56 55 55 66 54 55 76 53 55 86 52 55 96 51 45 106 50	10 58 11 59 12 37 1 18 2 1
33] 9th S	unday after Trinity.	Luke 16:	1-9; 1 Cor.	10: 1-1	3. Day's Length, 13	hours, 36 min	utes.
Thursday Friday	15 Virgin Mary 16 John of Saxony 17 John Gerhard 18 Hugo Grotius 19 Sebaldus 20 Bernard of Clair 21 1st Morv. Miss.	,	8 18 8 43 9 15 9 35 10 8 10 47 11 36	25 III 6 III 19 Sin 1 14	sets 8 8 b ⊙. 7* rises 10 28 ₩ ⊙. ♀ rises 1 57 rius rises 3 47 b sets 10 59 20. ●in Apo. Archernat sets 7 29	45 146 46 45 156 45 35 176 43	3 20 3 57 4 36 5 17 5 58 6 42 7 39
	Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 19: 4	1-47; 1 Cor	. 12: 1-	11. Day's Length, 1.	3 hours, 20 min	utes.
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	22 Symphorianus 23 Gasp. de Coligny 24 Bartholomew 25 Louis IX. 26 Ulfilas 27 Jovinian 28 Aug. of Hippo	Rom. 1: 1-13 " 1: 18-31 " 2: " 3: " 4: " 5: 1-11 " 5: 12-21	morn. 12 40 44 1 43 2 39 3 21 2 5 6 41 &:	9 6 24 6 9 24	sets 7 45 O enters my	2 5 23 6 37 2 5 24 6 36 2 5 25 6 35	$ \begin{array}{ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
35] 11th 3	Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 18: 9	9-14; 1 Cor	. 15: 1-	11. Day's Length,	13 hours, 4 min	utes.
Monday	29 John Baptist B'd 30 Claude of Turin 31 Aidan	Rom. 6: " 7: " 8:1-15	7 8 7 34 8 3 8 3 8 3	9 6	sets 9 59 § C. 6 & C. 5 acts genib south 1 29	1 5 28 6 32 0 5 30 6 30 0 5 31 6 29	2 16 2 58 3 40
First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter, New Moon,	Moon's Phases 5th, 1 o'clock, 24 m 12th, 9 " 22 20th, 3 " 29 27th, 10 " 29			showers	Conjectures of the 3, warm; 4, 5, rain; 6, 7, 8, variable; 14, 15, 16, dry; 15; 21, 22, cool; 23, 24, 25; fair; 29, variable; 30, 31	clear; 9, 10, 11, 7, 18, variable;	19, 20, v: 26.

Our Orphans' Homes.

Bethany, Womelsdorf, Pa., Rev. T. M. Yundt, Superintendent. Number of children, 107.

St. Paul's, Butler, Pa., Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., Superintendent. Number of children, 85.

Reformed, FortWayne, Ind., Rev. J. Rettig, Superintendent. Number of children, 63.

Zoar, Detroit, Mich., Rev. Wm. Hansen, Superintendent. Nnmber of children, 46.

Remember these at Christmas time.

This is a picture of the new Frick Memorial Cottage, erected at Bethany Orphans'

Home during the past summer. This Home is located near Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa. Here the Reformed Church owns nearly one hundred acres of land on which is a large spring of pure water, and on which, also, are large and convenient buildings for the care of orphaned and other destitute children. The number of children in the Home at present is about 120. It has been the rule of the home for many years not to receive children who are under six years of age. Applications have, however, often been made for the admission of little children under this age, and that, sometimes, by widows in very destitute circumstances. The Board of Managers has felt that it would not be wise to receive such little ones and bring them under the same rules with the large number of older boys and girls already in the Home. These facts were stated upon a number of occasions in jubilee addresses by the Superintendent, and also in the Church papers. In response to the suggestion, and moved by a worthy desire to erect a memorial to her parents, Mrs. H. M. Housekeeper, of Philadelphia, gave to the Board of Managers the sum of six thousand dollars to erect a separate cottage in which to care for the little ones. The cottage



FRICK MEMORIAL COTTAGE, WOMELSDORF, PA.

is substantially built, is heated with hot water and lighted with gas. On the first floor are kitchen, dining-room, large living room, matron's room, sun-porch or play-room, laundry and toilet-room. On second floor, dormitory, infirmary, bath-room, and two sleeping-rooms. On third floor a dormitory, sleeping-room and two storage-rooms. All the rooms were furnished by different societies or individuals.

Our Sunday School Papers.

In all our Sunday Schools it is well to distribute Sunday School papers, for in many homes they are prized, and they become a silent messenger for good. Then in many schools there is no library, or it is little used. For this reason the Sunday School Board began, January 1, 1897, to issue a weekly paper for the young people. It is called Leaves of Light. There is also a semimonthly and a monthly edition. For the little children there is issued Sunshine, an illustrated weekly paper. Send for sample copies, and use them in your school.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON MOO R. & S. PLA H. M. S.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, FS RISES SETS W	HIGH ATER HILA. M.	
Wednesday	1 Anna	Rom. 8: 16-39	8 40		4 26	
Thursday	2 Mammas	" 9: 1-13	9 25		5 16	
Friday	3 Hildegarde		10 18	3 3. h sets 9 39 15 35 6 25	6 12	
Saturday	4 Ida v. Herzfeld	" 10:	11 8	16 Achernar south 2 40 1 5 36 6 24	7 14	
36] 12th 3	Sunday after Trinity.	Mark 7: 31	-37; 2 Cor.	3: 4-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 46 minut	tes.	
Sunday	5 John Mollio	Rom. 11:	morn.	28 Sirius rises 2 40 1 5 37 6 23	8 27	
Monday	6 Martin Weibel	" 12:	12 29		9 41	
Tuesday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 13:		22 Rigel rises 11 42 ● in Ω 2 5 40 6 20 1	0 47	
Wednesday		" 14:	2 58	4 \(\frac{1}{2}\) stationary \(\frac{2}{5}\) 41 6 19 1:		
Thursday	9 Luigi Resquali	" 15:1–13	4 7 5	16 S ? rises 2 34 3 5 43 6 17 12		
	10 Paul Seperatus	" 15: 14-33	D rises	28 10. h sets 9 14 35 44 6 16 13	2 52	
Saturday	11 John Benz	" 16:	4 7 D rises 6 20	9 9 gr. Hel. Lat. south. 9 in Ω 3 5 45 6 15	1 28	
37] 13th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 10: 23-37; Gal. 3: 15-22. Day's Length, 12 hours, 26 minutes.						
Sunday	12 Dionys's Pel'oq'n	Acts 20:	6 44	20 Algenib south 12 42 4 5 47 6 13 2	2 6	
	13 William Farel	" 21:	7 8		2 44	
	14 Cyprian	" 22; 23:	7 56	16 □ Ψ⊙. Altair south 8 13 5 5 49 6 11 3	3 23	
	15 Ember Day	" 24; 25:	8 16		4 3	
	16 Euphemia	" 26:	8 43 mg	11 in Apo. 9 rises 2 47 5 5 52 6 8	4 48	
Friday	17 Lambert	" 27:	9 26		5 30	
Saturday	18 A. G. Spangenb'g	" 28:	10 20 0	8 18. 5\psi c. Libræ 96 65 546 6	6 18	
38] 14th S	Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 17: 1	5-19; Gal. 5	: 16-24. Day's Length, 12 hours, 8 minut	tes.	
Sunday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	Eph. 1: 1-14	11 14 6	21 Formal south 11 6 5 56 6 4 '		
Monday	20 Magdal. Luther	1: 15; 2: 1-10	morn.	5 sets 6 42 A 7 5 57 6 3		
	21 Matthew	" 2:11;3:	12 49	19 7* rises 8 19 7 5 58 6 2 9		
	22 Mauritius	" 4: 1–17	1 46	3 ⊙ en- ← . Autumn Begins. Oin ♥ 76 06 0 10 16 6 ♀ ℂ. ♀ rises 3 1 86 15 59		
Thursday	23 Mart. of Geneva	" 4:18	2 40	16 6 9 C. 9 rises 3 1 86 15 59 1		
	24 Jno. Jacob Moser		3 39	29 b sets 8 23 8 6 2 5 58 1		
Saturday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 6: 10	4 34	11 Ψ stationary. 64α. 65α. 8 6 3 5 57 12	2 19	
39] 15th 3	Sunday after Trinity.	Matt. 6: 24-	-34; Gal. 5:	25, 6-10. Day's Length, 11 hours, 52 minut	es.	
	26 Lioba	Col. 1:) sets 🔃	23 26. Antares sets 8 36 96 45 56		
	27 Phil. Graveron	" 2; 3: 1-4	6 9	2 dad. 654. a sets 96 65 54		
	28 A. Clarenbach	" 3:5:4:	6 41 5	17 o in per. Andro. south 11 45 96 75 53	2 31	
	29 St. Michael	Philemon Philip. 1: 1–26	7 26	29 Sirius rises 1 16 10 6 8 5 52 3	3 22	
Thursday	30 Jerome	Philip. 1: 1–26	8 12	11 스탠ር. ბხር. გin გ. გ sta-tionary 10 6 10 5 50 4	4 16	
	Moon's Phases			Conjustures of the Weather		
First Quarter				Conjectures of the Weather.		

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, rain; 6, 7, 8, sultry; 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, balmy; 14, 15, 16, thunder; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear and warm; 22, 23, 24, misty; 25, 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, stormy; 30, rain.

ew Moon, 26th, 8 " 46 " morning. 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, (24.) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 13th, and cannot be seen.

First Quarter, 3d, 6 o'clock, 13 minutes, evening. Full Moon, 10th, 9 " 10 " "
Last Quarter, 18th, 9 " 50 " "
New Moon, 26th, 8 " 46 " morning.

SEPTEMBER.



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Reformed Church Tidings.

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WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	CENTRAL VIOLEN	MOON PLAC S.	-	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	M IL M LI BA	TER
Friday	1 Remigius	Philip. 1: 27; 2:	9 12	2	23	b sets 7 56	10 6 11 5 49 5	12
Saturday	2 Chr. Schmidt	" 3:4:	10 18	3	11	♀ rises 3 21	11 6 12 5 48 6	
40] 16th	Sunday after Trinity.		1–17;		: 13	3-21. Day's Length,		
Sunday	3 The two Ewalds		11 31	. B.	24	3. Rigel south 9 5	7 11 6 13 5 47 7	10
Monday	4 Franciscus	" 2:	morn.	To	6	in Ω. 7* rises 7 30	= 126 155 45 8	16
Tuesday	5 Petro Carnesec	" 3:	12 59	To C		y in Perihelion. & sets 6		
Wednesday		" 3; 4: 4-10	2 13		0	6 \$ 2. Arctur sets 8 3	6 12 6 17 5 43 10	17
Thursday	7 Theodore Benza	" 4: 11; 5: 16	3 17	(Pa)	12	\delta gr. \frac{\text{Flong.}}{\text{West.}} \delta \text{rises 5 40}	12 6 19 5 41 11	10
Friday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 5: 17	4 20 5 32		24	24 rises 4 33	12 6 20 5 40 11	57
Saturday	9 Dionysius Areo	" 6:	5 32		6	24 rises 4 33 9 rises 3 36	13 6 21 5 39 12	10
41] 17th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-6. Day's Length, 11 hours, 14 minutes.								
,	10 Justus Jonas	Titus 1:	D rise	ATTEN S	18	10. h sets 7 23	13 6 23 5 37 12	52
	11 U. Zwingli died	" 2:	5 38	S Marie	0	Regulus rises 10 3	0 13 6 24 5 36 1	32
	12 Henry Bullinger		6 6	S AME		8 sets 6 6		
	13 Elizabeth Frey	2 Tim. 1:	6 53	THE STATE OF THE S	25	Orion rises 10 6	146 275 33 2	50
	14 Nich. Ridley	" 2:	7 24	E EME	8	o in Apo. 24 rises 4 10	6 14 6 28 5 32 3	35
	15 Aurelia	" 3:	8 21	SANGE STATE	21	♀ in Perihelion. Ș gr. Hel.	h 146 295 31 4	20
Saturday	16 Gallus	" 4:	9 6		5	Q rises 3 51	14 6 31 5 29 5	7
42] 18th	Sunday after Trinity.	Matt. 22: 3	34-46;	1 Cor.	.1:	4-9. Day's Length, 1	0 hours, 56 minutes.	
Sunday	17 Rev. Edict of Nantes	Heb. 1:	10 6	6 M	18	6 57 k sets 6 57	15 6 32 5 28 5	52
Monday	18 St. Luke Evang.	" 2:	11 6			18. Vega sets 1 40		40
	19 Bruno	" 3; 4:	morn.		16	964. 8 sets 5 37 @in Ω €	156 355 25 7	30
Wednesday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi	" 5:	12 10		29	Formal south 9 12	156 365 24 8	27
Thursday	21 Hilarion	" 6:				24 rises 3 57		27
Friday	22 Hedwig	" 7:	2 22	2	28	⊙ enters m	156 385 22 10	
Saturday	23 Henry Martin	" 8:	3 31	Ø:	13	6 24 C. 6 9 C. 9 rises		
43] 19th	Sunday after Trinity.	Matt. 9: 1	1-8; E				0 hours, 38 minutes.	
	24 Arethas	Heb. 9:1-14	4 41	À:	27	Markab south 9	3 16 6 41 5 19 11	58
Monday	25 John Herz	" 1:15	D sets	3 800	11	25. doc. Andromeda 1	0 16 6 42 5 18 12	38
	26 Frederick III.	" 10; 1–18	5 15		25	o in per. o & C. & sets	166 435 17 1	24
	27 Frumentius	" 10: 19	6 1		8	б # (. б b (. b sets	166 445 16 2	15
	28 Simeon and Jude		7 2	2	23	7* rises 6 3	166 45 5 15 3	12
	29 Alfred the Great		8 10		6	7* rises 6 3 24 rises 3 30	166 465 14 4	9
Saturday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 13:	9 10	(1)	20	9 rises 4 20	16 6 48 5 12 5	7
	unday before Advent.					-14. Day's Length, 1		
Sunday	31 Reformation Fes.	John 21: 1–23	10 31	To.	10	d in y. Procyon 10 51 oin (2 16 6 49 5 11 6	3
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Moon's Phases.

First Quarter, 3d, 12 o'clock, 31 minutes, morning.
Full Moon, 10th, 11 " 41 " forenoon.
Last Quarter, 18th, 4 " 8 " evening.
New Moon, 25th, 6 " 28 " "

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, clear and frosty; 5, 6, 7, warm; 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, 12, rain; 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, variable: 20, 21, cold; 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, 26, rain; 27, 28, cold; 29, 30, 31, variable.

The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

"GoD give us men! A time like this demands

Great hearts, strong minds, truth faith and willing hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,

Men who possess opinions and a will;

Men who have honor, men who will not lie;

For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds, Their loud professions and their little deeds, Wrangle in selfish strife, lo!

Wrangle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land and waiting justice sleeps."

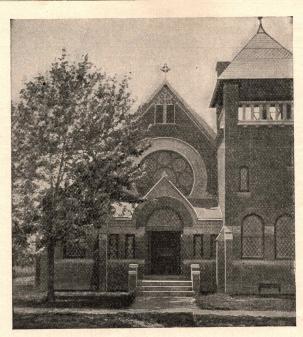
The Brotherhood is a church organization for men, which was born in the Reformed Church, and in many sister de-

nominations has met a need that was long felt. The growth in the number of chapters has not been rapid, but steady. There are hundreds of Chapters in nine different denominations, the increase in some of these branches having been

extremely gratifying.

As an organization of the men in the Church, the Brotherhood aims to aid in developing the spiritual life of its members, and to encourage them to reach the men outside of the Church. Its two simple rules of *Prayer* and *Service* show this. That there is room for such a society in the Reformed Church no one can doubt. Many of our pastors bear frequent testimony to the great value of having the men of their congregations thus organized as a helping band.

The importance of challenging the young men of a congregation with their part and responsibility, to bring the Gospel of the Kingdom nigh to the hearts of their companions at the counter, the school and in the workshop, cannot be over-



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estimated. Men are not in the minority in all of our churches, and noble efforts are put forth to increase the attendance at the uplifting services of the sanctuary on the part of men.

The Brotherhood is organized into a federal body, with conventions held every two years, in which all the denominational Chapters are represented. The Federal Council has twelve members: Pres., Rev. R.W. Miller, Reading, Pa.; Genl. Sec., Mr. Edgar M. Folsom, 93 W. 103d St., New York City. Denominational conventions are held every alternate year, each having its own Executive Council. The officers of the Reformed

Executive Council are: *Pres.*, Rev. I. W. Gowen, Weehawken, N. J.; *Vice-Pres.*, E. B. Lyttle, Reading, Pa.; *Genl. Sec.*, W. O. Anderson, 519 Presstman Street, Baltimore, Md.; *Treas.*, C. H. Knight, Bethlehem, Pa.

The Biennial Reformed Brotherhood Convention was held in the First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., November 17–18, 1896.

Local Unions, organized at various centres, i. e., New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc., have done much for the spread of the Brotherhood, and have exerted a strong influence with men's gatherings and mass meetings to draw young men to the churches.

The Brotherhood Star is the official organ, published at Reading, copies of which and of the constitution, literature, etc., may be secured by application to its address or to the General Secretaries.

EVERY character has an inward spring,—let Christ be it.

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WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M.		A5	PECTS OF ther Miscella	PLANETS, neous Matte		SUN SES SE M. H.	TS WA	TER LA. M.
Monday	1 All Saints	1 John 1; 2:	11 41	of 2	311	1. Reg	ulus rises	⊌ 16 6	515	9 6	52
Tuesday	2 All Souls	" 3:	morn.		8	h sets (3 4		525	8 7	48
Wednesday	3 Priminus	" 4:	12 40	6 2		s rises 1		166	535	7 8	44
Thursday	4 John A. Bengel	" 5:	1 38		2 2 ri	ses 3 11		166	545	6 9	39
Friday	5 Hans Egede	2 John	0 07	1		kab sout	h 8 17	166	555	5 10	29
Saturday	6 Gustav. Adolph		3 40				at. north	166	56 5	4 11	18
45] 3d Su	ınday before Advent.	Matt. 24: 15	THE RESIDENCE		: 13-18	8. <i>L</i>	Day's Lengt	h, 10 ho	urs 6	minute	s.
Sunday	7 Willibrord	Rev. 1:	1 4 45	AND STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE P	8 6 ¥	O Supe	erior	16 6	57 5	3 11	59
Monday	8 Willehad	" 2:	5 56		1 6	Vin 88.	Prises 4	40 16 6	585	212	30
Tuesday	9 John v. Staupitz	" 3:	D rises		4	9. h set	s 5 35	166	595	1 1	8
	10 Martin Luther	"4:5; 6:1-12	5 21	Sin 1	7 Alde	ebaran se	ets 6 32	167	14	59 1	48
Thursday	11 Martin of Tours	" 7; 8; 9:1-12	6 8 6 57	800	1 oin	Apo. 7*	south 12	37 16 7	24	58 2	29
	12 Phil. de Mornay		6 57	* 1	4 6 W	a. 6 \$	8	167	34	57 3	14
	13 Arcadius	" 12; 13:	7 58	2	8 24 ri	ises 2 43		157	44		56
46] 2d Sunday before Advent. Matt. 25: 31-46; 1 Thess. 1: 3-10. Day's Length, 9 hours, 50 minutes.											
	14 Pet. Mart. Verm.					ir sets 1		157		55 4	
	15 John Kepler	" 14:	9 59	2	6 ir	1 %. 9 r	ises 4 57	⊌ 15 7	64		.27
	16 Casp. Creuziger	" 15:	11 0	P 1	0	, ९ इ स.	Spica 4	25 15 7	74		10
Wednesday	17 Bernward	" 16: 1-8	morn.	2	2 3	.17. 7*	south 12	10 15 7	84		54
Thursday	18 Greg. Illuminat.	" 16: 9	12 3	De .	4 \vee in	Aphelio	n. 6 ¥	h 157	94		
Friday	19 Elizab. of Hesse		1 6	Ž: 1	6 Pola	Aphelio	9 17	147	94		38
Saturday	20 John Williams	" 18:	2 20	2	8 8 24	(. 4 r	ises 2 23	14 7	10 4	50 9	38
47] 1st S	unday before Advent.	Matt. 25:	1-13;	2 Pet. 3			ay's Lengti				
Sunday	21 Columbanus	Rev. 19:1-10	3 39	1			O. 68				
	22 J. Oecolampadius		4 53 5 12	2	3 9 5	C. 9 1	ses O en- 12 O ters	1 147	124	48 11	42
Tuesday	23 Clemens Roman	" 20: 4	5 12		8 8	Antares	south 9	48 13 7	13 4	47 12	11
Wednesday	24 John Knox	" 21: 1-8) sets	2	4	24. © in Per	. तम्र. ठ	30 137	144	46 1	8
Thursday	25 Catharine	" 21:9; 22	5 40	1	0 6 6	O. Veg	a south 8	58 13 7	15 4	45 2	5
Friday	26 Conrad	Psalm 96:	6 55	於 1		on rises 7				45 3	
Saturday	27 Marg't Blauer	" 145:	8 16	S 2	6 6 8	h. 4:	rises 2 1	127	164	44 3	49
48] 1st S	unday in Advent.	Matt. 21: 8					ay's Lengt				
Sunday	28 Alex. Russell	John 1: 1-14	1 9 36	of 1	0 o ir	Ω. Aries	is 9 42	⊌ 12 7	17 4	43 4	50
	29 Saturninus	Gen. 2: 4-25	10 38	OF 2	22	2 rises	5 31	11 7	184	42 5	41
Tuesday	30 St. Andrew	Matt. 19: 1-12	111 44	1 672	8 3	30. Poll	uxsouth	32 11 7	18 4	42 6	27
	Moon's Phases				(Conjecti	ires of t	he We	eathe	r.	

First Quarter, 1st, 9 o'clock, 36 minutes, forenoon.
Fu I Moon, 9th, 4 " 50 " morning.
Last Quarter, 17th, 9 " 2 " forenoon.
New Moon, 24th, 4 " 19 " morning.
First Quarter, 30th, 10 " 14 " evening.

1, 2, 3, snow flurries; 4, 5, 6, fair; 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, 13, pleasant; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, variable; 19, 20, snow; 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, cold; 28, 29, 30, windy.

- (3.) Mars is in conjunction with the Sun on the 21st, and cannot be seen.
- (\(\frac{1}{2} \).) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun on the 25th, and cannot be seen.



REV. J. L. MURPHY,
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Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

This society is now ten years old. Its object is to aid in Home and Foreign Mission work. Its special aim in foreign work is the elevation of women. It has taken upon itself the support, through the Board of Foreign Missions, of the Girls' School at Sendai, Japan.

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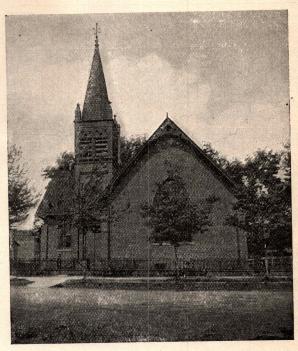
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Our Bobemian Work.

As we have Hungarian Reformed people in this country, so we have Bohemians who need our missionary help.

We have only lately begun this work. The mission is located in Chicago, Ill., where a hundred thousand Bohemians are living, many of whom need to be gathered into our Church as their own spiritual mother.

The missionary is a young man just from his studies, Rev. Charles V. Molnar, the son of a Reformed minister in Moravia. He has been in the United States five years, speaks English well, and in every way is well prepared for the great work upon which he has just entered.

Full Moon, 8th, 11 o'clock, 54 minutes, evening.

afternoon.

Last Quarter, 16th, 11 " 21 " "

New Moon, 23d, 2 " 55 " afterno

First Quarter, 30th, 2 " 26 " "

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON MOOR. & S. PLAH. M. S.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matte	IN U BA U BA I
Wednesday		Eph. 5: 22-33	morn.	20 Regulus rises 10 42	11 7 19 4 41 7 11
Thursday	2 John Ruysbrock		12 39	2 9 rises 5 37	40 = 40 + +++
Friday	3 Gerhard Groot	Gen. 3:		15 7* south 11 2	
Saturday	4 Gerh. v. Zutphen	" 8:15-19	1 38 2 42	27 24 rises 1 37	10 7 20 4 40 8 54 10 7 20 4 40 9 45
49] 2d St	unday in Advent.	Luke 21: 25	A STATE OF THE STA	15: 4-13. Day's Length	b, 9 hours, 18 minutes.
Sunday	5 Crispin	Acts 17:15	3 44	6 ½ rises 6 26	9 7 21 4 39 10 40
Monday	6 Nicholas	Gen. 15:	4 46	18 Sirius rises 8 46	97 21 4 39 11 35
Tuesday	7 Paulus Odontius	Deut. 3:	5 50	8 Altair sets 9 16	
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Monday	13 Adilia	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	8 48		57 244 36 4 10
Tuesday	14 Dioscorus	2 Samuel 7:	9 58	7 Formal sets 9 25	
Wednesday	15 Ember Day		11 1	21 Arietis sets 8 34	
Thursday	16 Adelheid			5 16. 9 rises 6 11	
Friday	17 Sturm		morn. 2:	20 Orion rises 5 43	47 25 4 35 6 30
	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	Isa. 52:13:53:	2 3	4 6 2 C. 2 rises 12 50	37 25 4 35 7 4 37 25 4 35 7 56
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Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, fair and warm; 4, 5, 6, cold; 7, 8, 9, frosty; 10, 11, 12, pleasant; 13, 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, 21, mild; 22, 23, clear; 24, 25, cold; 26, 27, 28, snow; 29, 30, 31, agreeable.

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARIES OF OUR INSTITUTIONS.

Beneficiary Education.

This work should commend itself to all good Christian people. Its object is to educate good young men for the ministry who are rich in natural and spiritual gifts, but poor in money. The families of wealth should educate their sons for the ministry. The families who are not rich should also have their names on the Register of Ministers, but when they give their sons they give their all. These sons the Church should adopt and educate. Some of our best and most honored ministers were once beneficiary students. Every family not having given a son should educate another's son, or at least contribute liberally to this cause. There are congregations which have enjoyed the ministrations of faithful pastors for generations, but have never given one of their own number to the ministry. Let every such church take a double interest in Beneficiary Education. Each Synod has a Board of Education to which this particular work is committed. Remember the Annual Collection for this object. If you have means, give largely while you live. Remember this work in your will; and though dead, you will yet, through another, preach the Gospel.

Colleges and Seminaries.

THE preaching of the Gospel is the noblest calling in life. For it the best men should be selected. Set apart your best sons-your strongest boys. The work of the ministry demands healthy bodies and strong minds. For the training of these sons the Church has established Colleges and Theological Seminaries in every age. God has inspired His people to do so. The growth of the Church has been almost in proportion to the Church's interest in the Schools of the Prophets. Without a ministry there can be no Church. Every department of Church work is indirectly bound up in the schools which educate the pastors and missionaries. The Reformed Church has always believed in an educated ministry. Such a ministry is especially demanded to-day. Send your sons to the schools of the Church. Let them grow up in the spirit as well as doctrine of the Reformed Church. Our schools are, for our young men, the best in the world. Therefore, contribute liberally also to endow the Colleges and Seminaries.



THE DANIEL STINE MEMORIAL HOME, MYERSTOWN, PA.

The Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

This, the youngest Institution of the Reformed Church in the United States, is located at Myerstown, Pa. Its object is to afford a home, food and clothing for aged ministers and their wives, and the widows of ministers, who may have been reduced to want or helplessness by old age or otherwise.

The property consists of what was formerly known as the Baney mansion, and is a beautiful home for such of the Lord's aged servants as may need such a retreat. It is the gift of Mrs. Linda S. Kaub, of Philadelphia, Pa., to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows. This Society owns the property and elects the Board of Managers. Its treasurer, Rev. S. S. Miller, of Mt. Pleasant, Md. is *ex-officio* the treasurer of the Home, to whom all contributions should be sent.

The Board of Managers consists of Revs. Geo. B. Resser, John H. Sechler, D. D., Ellis N. Kremer, D. D., Simon S. Miller, D. E. Klopp, D. D., H. Musser, D. D., Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., J. David Miller and J. E. Hiester, D. D.

This Home is dependent on the gifts of the Church for its ability to carry forward the sacred purpose for which it is designed. "They which wait at the altar are partakers of the altar; even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live by the gospel." Should not they, then, who have given their lives to the preaching of the gospel, and whom old age or misfortune have left in want or helplessness, be tenderly cared for by the Church?

The General Synod and a number of the district Synods have commended the Home to the sympathy, the prayers, and the alms of our people. Let it be generously remembered.

Zion's Reformed Church POTTSTOWN, PA.

THE first church in Pottstown was a log building erected on a lot donated to the Reformed and Lutheran congregations, for church and burial purposes, by the founder of the town. In what year this church was built is not known, as the record, if there was one, is lost.

In 1796, the brick building, now Zion's Reformed Church, was erected by the Re-form d and Lutheran congregations, to take the place of the old log church, and was owned by them conjointly for seventy-five years thereafter. In 1868, the Reformed congregation withdrew from the old church and the

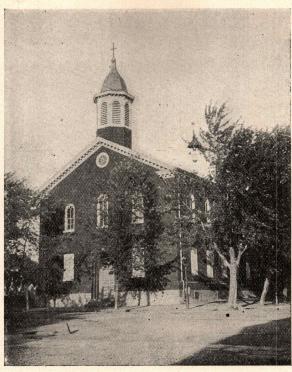
following year transferred its interest in the property to the newly-organized Zion's Reformed congregation.

Two years later (in 1871), the Zion's congregation bought the Lutheran share in the church and shortly thereafter remodeled the building.

The interior of the church was again remodeled in 1891, and now presents a very neat and attractive appearance. The exterior, although somewhat modified, is substantially the same as it was a hu dred years ago.

In October of last year the Centennial Anniversary of this old church was celebrated with appropriate services, in which a number of Reformed ministers and several of the neighboring Lutheran pastors participated.

REMEMBER the days of old.



ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH, POTTSTOWN, PA. Rev. Chas. S. Wieand, Pastor. This Church was built in 1796.

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Waid= ows of the Reformed Church in the United States."

This is the oldest charitable institution in the Reformed Church in this country. It was organized more than one hundred years ago, and was incorporated by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, March 26th, 1810. Its design is to assist ministers' widows and their families, and also superanuated and disabled ministers themselves, who are members of it, and whose pecuniary resources are not sufficient to give them a living, when no longer able to serve the Church.

The income of the Society is from interest on invested fund and from collections in the churches. The Society

should be remembered annually in the offerings of the Church.

To the twenty-five widows and fifteen disabled ministers, twenty-five hundred dollars yearly is given. The society would cheerfully give more, if more were received from the Church.

The privilege of membership in the Society extends to all ministers of the Reformed Church. The terms of membership are for life members sixty-five dollars, and for annual members five dollars initiation fee and three dollars annual dues.

The officers of the Society as required by the charter are: -Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D., Pres., Mercersburg, Pa.; Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, Sec., Middletown, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treas., Mt. Pleasant Md.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick, Md.; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., rtinsburg, W. Va.

Education of Women.

It is a sign of progress in the Reformed Church that the education of her daughters is more and more claiming the attention of her people and that of Classes and Synods. This is as it should be. The Church should take as great interest in the education of her daughters as she does in that of her sons. It is neither honorable nor just to do otherwise.

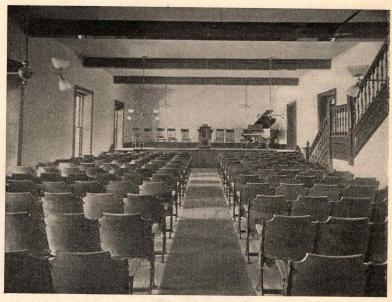
There are some persons in the Church who not only think, but assert, that a woman does not need a liberal education, that it unfits her for her mission, makes her lazy and worthless. If any of our readers should hold such opinions, let him consider what a woman is. Was she not made by the

same hand that created man? Is she not endowed with intellectual powers and an immortal spirit? Has she not the same destiny that man has? Do you not think that when she crosses the river into that better country that her reward will also depend upon her capacity to enjoy God and His glory? Is she not responsible to God for the talents with which He Himself has so richly endowed her? If all this be true, then who can deny her the right and privilege of being educated, and just as highly educated as that of her brother?

Has not the Church, therefore, been pursuing a wrong policy in making such rich provision for the higher education of her sons and doing next to nothing toward providing for the higher education of her daughters? Has she not been unjust to her daughters even in her kindly interest and concern for the intellectual well-being of her sons?

We think that she has.

Education is power—political, moral and spiritual It means just as much for a woman as it does for a man. Woman makes the home, and the homes make the nation. The influence of a mother in the home is almost unlimited. If the mothers



CHAPEL, DIETZ HALL, ALLENTOWN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

in a nation will join together in training their children well in any doctrine, dogma or creed, they can make the nation in one generation what they wish it to be. Indeed, in every age of the world woman has been the great civilizer.

If woman has aided thus largely in the work of civilization; if in the home she walks a queen; if her power there is almost unlimited, why should not the Church exercise the greatest care in giving her a Christian education, so that she may exert her influence in the right direction, to the glory of God and the advancement of His cause? It seems to me that the Church ought to see this, and hasten to make amends for past indifference and neglect by endowing and equiping the colleges for women, and making them such as to command the confidence and respect not only of her own people, but of those outside her borders.

The women themselves should remember their own institutions in their prayers; they should aid them by their gifts, and when they depart for a better world, should leave of their possessions such a portion as will illustrate their devotion to such institutions, and inspire others to imitate their example.

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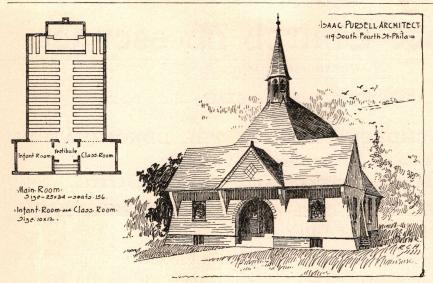
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CHAPEL BUILDING.

This little building can be built for about \$1,000, of frame, costing more in either stone or brick.

There is a main room, seating 156.

Infant room, seating about 30.

Class Room, seating about 20.

Working drawings and specifications for any of the designs illustrated on these pages, can be secured from either the publishers, 1025 Arch St., or

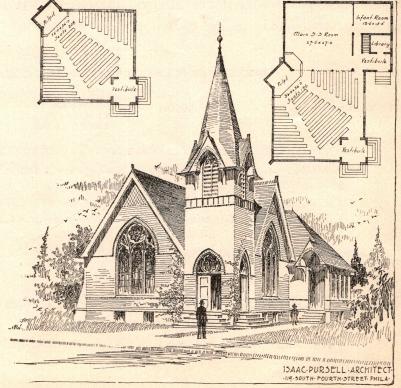
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A SQUARE CHURCH.

In the left-hand corner we have shown the plan for the Church alone. Built in this way, the work can be done for about \$2,000.

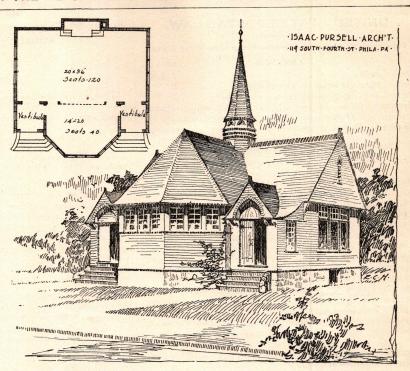
In the right-hand corner the same plan is shown with a Sunday School added. This will make a building costing about \$3,500. The Church is 36' x 36', and will seat 196 comfortably; the Main Sunday School Room is 27' x 27' square, and the Infant Room 12' x 15'. All the rooms are separated from each other by sash partitions that can be removed, and all used together.

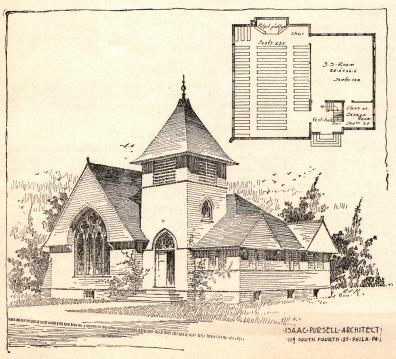
This plan is also adapted to either stone or brick.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING.

This design is made for a small Sunday School or Chapel, to be built of frame and to cost from \$1,000 to \$1,500, depending upon the finish. It will seat 120 in the Main Room, and 40 in the Infant Room. The sash partition between the two rooms can be raised and the whole building used together. The main room can be used for general Sabbath meetings, and the smaller for weekly prayer meetings. The design can be executed in stone or brick, without adding very much to the cost, making a difference probably of \$500.





A SMALL CHURCH.

This plan has been prepared with the idea that either the Sunday School or the Church can be built first, the balance added afterward.

Should the Church be built first, the tower might be omitted, and a small vestibule substituted for it. In this way the Church would cost about \$2,000. The whole could be built for about \$3,500.

The completed plan consists of a Main Room seating 225, Sunday School Room seating 100, and a Class or Infant Room seating 40.

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Form of Constitution for Congregational Missionary Society.

ARTICLE L.

This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of Reformed Church at object shall be to advance the cause of missions.

ARTICLE IL

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President & Secretary, and a Treasurer, to serve one year.

ARTICLE III.

These officers, together with the Pastor as Chairman, shall be an Executive Committee, whose duty shall be: to arrange the program for monthly meetings and anniversary services, to examine and approve all readings, recitations, essays and reports, before they are given in public, and to carry out any instructions given by the Society.

ARTICLE IV

This Executive Committee shall divide the congregation into several districts, and appoint two persons over each district as collectors, whose duty shall be to secure the names of new members, to collect every month the offerings of all the members and of others who may be monthly contributors, to report their work at each regular meeting and pay over their collections to the Treasurer. These collectors shall serve four months.

ARTICLE V.

Each member shall give as God has prospered nim, but not less than five cents a month.

ARTICLE VI.

The Society shall meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month, the Pastor conducting or directing the devotional services, and the President presiding the remainder of the time.

ARTICLE VII.

The program for the regular meetings shall include singing, prayer, reading the Scriptures, reading the minutes. recitations, readings, addresses, report of the collectors the offerings of those who have not otherwise given unfinished business, new business.

ARTICLE VIII.

The money raised by this society shall be given only to the work of missions.

ARTICLE IX.

These Articles may be amended at any regular mee ing notice of such amendment having been given at the previous regular meeting.

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SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	No. of Congre-	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate and Reprofession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Name	Deaths.	Sunday- Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday- School Schola	Students for Minist	Benevolent Purposes.	C'ngregati'n'l Purposes.
Eastern Ohio	12 6 10	282 127 154	233	22,400		5,337 718 1,809		4,585 1,267 1,004	1,110	73,434 18,987 15,079	1,219 520 189		1,766 709 557	2,376 372 383	606 212 187		71,878 23,554 12,219	23	\$81,340 18,266 14,063	\$380,669 127,663 87,914
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Central Interior	4 5	84 50	114 67	19,541 2,998	11,611 1,445	1,133 171		830 227	477 162	14,173	214 60	14	493 191	384 50	102 62	1,564 671	12,218 3,827		15,195 3,173	83,858 19,335
Total, 8 Synods,	56	1,000	1,663	229,100	213,397	13,976	1,949	11,281	7,209	180,617	3,331	28	5,184	5,094	1,639	20,389	174,164	297	\$194,145	\$1,036,567

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	1881	1884	1887	1890	1893	1896
Synods,	6	7	7	8	8	8
Classes,	48	. 52	54	56	55	55
Ministers,	752	783	802	835	885	961
Congregations,	1,403	1,465	1,481	1,554	1,583	1,639
Members,		169,530	183,980	200,498	212,830	226,572
Members unconfirmed,	96,147	103,112	108,724	112,486	121,057	125,779
Baptisms, infants, given year,	13,213	12,665	14,199	14,605	14,526	13,758
Baptisms, infants, in three years,	40,388	38,737	42,299	42,808	42,658	43,075
Baptisms, adults, given year,	1,096	1,017	1,741	1,595	1,564	1,966
Baptisms, adults, in three years,	3,362	3,088	4,254	4,569	4,753	5,480
Confirmed, given year,	9,113	9,233	10,733	10,759	10,758	11,792
Confirmed, in three years,	28,240	27,223	30,558	31,483	32,392	33,646
Certificate, given year,	4,113	5,043	5,582	6,561	7,431	7,267
Certificate, in three years,	12,263	14,046	16,472	18,558	21,045	22,619
Communed, given year,	132,709	136,897	146,436	155,118	169,314	182,435
Dismissed, given year,	2,249	2,122	2,551	3,061	3,292	3,483
Dismissed, in three years,	5,791	5,819	7,250	8,700	9,872	10,594
Excommunicated, given year,	123	68	38	55	26	27
Excommunicated, in three years,	567	227	168	139	122	45
Erased, given year,	1,593	1,699	2,381	3,117	3,975	4,950
Erased, in three years,	3,869	5,351	6,301	8,640	10,753	13,239
Deaths, given year,	4,591	4,787	4,638	5,107	6,130	5,693
Deaths, in three years,	14,482	15,292	14,207	15,250	16,645	16,166
Sunday-schools, given year,	1,346	1,378	1,422	1,513	1,563	1,644
Officers and Teachers, given year,				3,967	13,319	20,096
Sunday-school scholars, given year,	103,511	114,720	122,695	138,616	149,023	172,458
Students for ministry, given year,	141	145	186	285	285	304
Benevolent contributions, given year,	\$ 73,400	\$101,148	\$141,122	\$161,078	\$236,321	\$204,401
Benevolent contributions, in three years,	194,869	327,888	382,493	479,625	649,892	676,271
Congregational purposes, given year,	639,189	779,572	804,321	874,053	1,060,229	1,066,709
Congregational purposes, in three years,	1,738,213	2,193,018	2,298,228	2,580,945	3,022,174	3,067,780

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Year.	Total Ministers.	Total Members.	Eastern Synod.	Ohio Synod.	Synod of the Northwest.	Pittsburgh Synod.	Potomac Synod.	German Synod of the East,	Central Synod	Synod of the Interior.	Total Benevolent Cont.
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Year.	New Years Day.	Ash Wed- nesday.	Easter.	Whit Sun- day.	Trinity Sunday.		New Years Day.	Ash Wed- nesday.	Easter.	Whit Sun-	Trinity Sunday.
1898 1899 1900 1901	Saturday	March 3 February 23 February 25 February 28 February 20 February 12 February 25	April 19 April 2 April 15 April 7	May 29 May 21 June 3	26	1905	Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday . Friday Saturday	March 8 February 28 February 13 March 4 February 24 February 9	April 23 April 15 March 31 April 19 April 11 March 27 April 16	May 22 June 11 June 3 May 19 May 30 May 15 June 4 May 26	23

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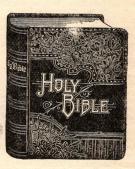
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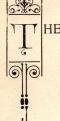
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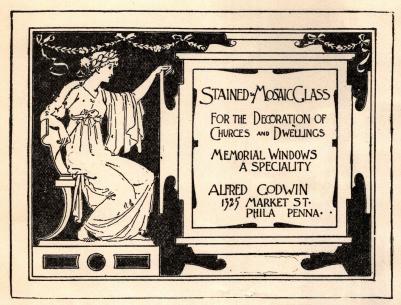
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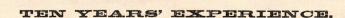
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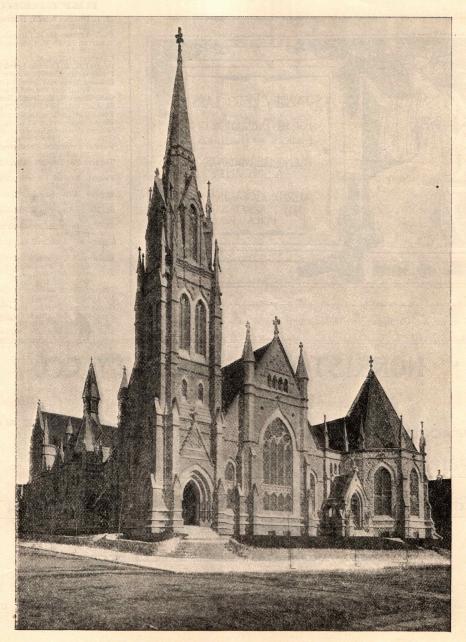
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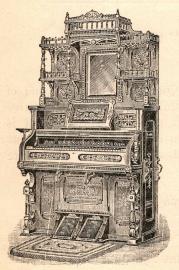
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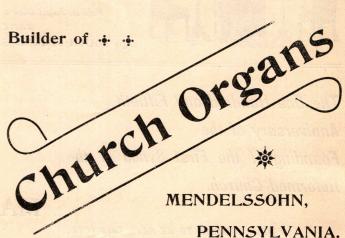
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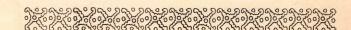
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